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FOR SCA/SCS AND L/M

FROM MULLIN AND SHAMWELL

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: US-ITALY CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS

1. FORMAL TALKS COMMENCED ON SCHEDULE A.M. JUNE 28. IT WAS AGREED THAT ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE COMPARISON OF U.S. AND ITALIAN DRAFTS WOULD BE COMPARED WITH THE AIM OF PREPARING FINAL UNIFIED TEXT SUITABLE FOR SIGNING AT AN EARLY DATE, SUBJECT TO TECHNICAL LANGUAGE EXAMINATION BY RESPECTIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES DIVISIONS.

2. PROGRESS DURING FIRST TWO DAYS WAS STEADY AND CONSTRUCTIVE, LEAVING TROUBLESOME AREAS, IN PARTICULAR PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR CONSULATE MEMBERS WHO ARE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE RECEIVING STATE AND MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES, FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION LATER IN THE WEEK. IN VIEW OF THE GOAL SET BY THE GOI SIDE TO FINALIZE THE CONVENTION AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE TO OBVIATE THE NEED FOR ANY FURTHER ROUNDS (REMAINING DIFFERENCES TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON), BOTH SIDES AGREED TO DEVOTE ADDITIONAL TIME, AS NECESSARY (PERHAPS THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 4 AT THE LATEST, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE WORK ASSIGNMENT.

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3. DESPITE OBJECTIONS OF THE U.S. SIDE BASED UPON LACK OF RELEVANCY TO THE CONSULAR CONVENTION, AND THE PRIORITY OF THE LATTER, THE GOI HAS RESERVED TIME AT THE END OF THE WEEK FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM OF MILITARY OBLIGATIONS OF PERSONS OF DUAL (US-ITALIAN) NATIONALITY. THE U.S. SIDE HAS COMMUNICATED ITS LACK OF INTEREST AND COMPETENCY/AUTHORIZATION

IN TREATING THIS ISSUE (ITS POSITION BEING LIMITED TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE GOI RATIFY THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON MILITARY OBLIGATIONS IN CERTAIN CASES OF DOUBLE NATIONALITY, TS NO. 913), BUT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO INSIST UPON ELIMINATION OF THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA.

4. THE OVERALL MOOD OF DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND CONCESSIONARY, ALTHOUGH THE PACE HAS HAD A DISTINCTLY LATIN FLAVOR. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED ON MOST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BY THE END OF THE FORMAL SESSIONS, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 4. THE U.S. SIDE HAS AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY THAT FURTHER FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS AND THAT THE NEW CONVENTION SHOULD BE READIED FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. SHAMWELL AND MULLIN HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS ON TWA FLIGHT #847, ARRIVING WASHINGTON (DULLES) AT 1739 ON JULY 5. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WIND UP SOONER THAN PRESENTLY EXPECTED, AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SCHEDULE AN EARLIER RETURN.GARDNER

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